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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S PROSPECTIVE TRAVEL PLANS

1. MARCH 21 PRESS CARRIED STORY BASED ON GOJ SOURCES CLAIMING THAT PRIMIN TANAKA PLANNED TO VISIT AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, BURMA, CANADA AND MEXICO IN TWO EXCURSIONS IN SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER THIS YEAR. STORIES ALSO SAID TANAKA HOPED TO VISIT ARGENTINA, PERU AND BRAZIL AND OTHER UNSPECIFIED COUNTRIES EARLY IN 1975. FONOFF DEP HEAD FIRST NA DIV MATSUURA TOLD EMBASSY THAT ITINERARY FOR PRIMIN'S TRAVEL IS NOW BEING WORKED UP AND FIVE COUNTRIES MENTIONED BY PRESS WERE ALL POSSIBILITIES BUT AT THIS POINT FINAL DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE. HE ADDED THAT AUSTRALIA, CANADA, AND MEXICO WERE HIGHLY PROBABLE COUNTRIES FOR VISITS WITH NEW ZEALAND AND BURMA SOMEWHAT LESS LIKELY CANDIDATES.

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2. PRESS STORIES INDICATED THAT ECONOMIC COOPERATION

AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE PROMINENT TOPICS FOR EXCHANGE DURING VISITS. PRESS CITED FOLLOWING TOPICS AS LIKELY AGENDA ITEMS: A) IN AUSTRALIA, CONCLUSION OF TREATY OF COMMERCE AND NAVIGATION AND EASING OF EXPORT RESTRICTIONS; B) IN NEW ZEALAND, PROMOTION OF TRADE RELATIONS; C) IN BURMA, DEVELOPMENT OF SEABED OIL RESOURCES, DEVELOPMENT OF RICE FARMS AND COOPERATION IN HIGHWAY AND RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION; D) IN CANADA, DEVELOPMENT OF TAR SANDS AND TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN FOREST DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS; E) IN MEXICO, SECURING MINERAL RESOURCES ON LONG-TERM BASIS.

3. COMMENT: LEAK OF FAIRLY AMBITIOUS TRAVEL SCHEDULE COULD BE LEAST BE PARTIALLY DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT TANAKA EXPECTS TO STILL BE PRIME MINISTER FOLLOWING UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS THIS SUMMER AND THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO ENHANCE JAPAN'S FOREIGN RELATIONS ON GLOBAL SCALE THROUGH PRIMINISTERIAL TRAVEL.
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